

National Metropolitan Bank Building
613 15th Street, NW
Washington
District of Columbia

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) National Metropolitan Bank Building		HABS NO. DC-431
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 613 15th Street, NW		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1905-1907	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) B. Stanley Simmons and the firm of Gordon, Tracy and Swartwort	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The District's oldest National Bank and the second oldest bank in the city. Located at or near present site since 1814. Significant as integral part of the streetscape of 15th Street.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Beaux Arts		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) White Georgia marble		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 66.7' by 100'; 7-story; copper mansard roof		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Four-story colossal Corinthian columns set in loggia; windows with pediments and segmental pediments; modillioned cornice; words "National Metropolitan Bank" on entablature of loggia; arcaded entrance with fanlight and gilt eagle		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Above lobby, is a C-shaped plan		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Lobby altered 1954-55		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition in 1979 appeared good. As of 1983, it is planned that the building will be renovated and incorporated in the Metropolitan Square development project by Oliver Carr.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed on National Register of Historic Places (Information above taken from nomination form) Category II District of Columbia Landmark		
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